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To: Microsoft ATR
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To whom it may concern,

I thank you for allowing the public to provide input in this matter. I would like to be brief with this. It is obvious that there is a monopoly and the justice department cannot receive enough evidence from the software developers because this would doom their businesses. In my own opinion, Microsoft needs to be broken up into three separate companies. The Internet and server software group, the application software group and the Operating System Group. This would prevent them from monopolizing the entire software market any further. Even the video game market is going to be taken over by Microsoft in the next year. The company needs to be broken up to allow for better competition which will in turn bring about better products for the customer.

The lack of competition in the OS market has left 95% of the entire computing world using the most ineffective OS in the market. Windows not only provides hackers access to personal files but allows individuals with malicious intents to create harmful and widespread viruses that end up infecting the majority of computer systems. Mac users and Unix users usually are immune to these attacks because the viruses are not written to attack these systems. Please, there must be something done to diversify the OS market and allow some competition within this segment of business. When ever some new technology comes into our lives, one company seeks to dominate which Microsoft has. ATT did the same thing and now prices are down and the products and services have greatly improved. Please do the same for this new technology. Competition brings about change and better products for everyone. It's the American way.

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Sincerely,

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